

Large and diverse coalition of SSAE grant program supporters dismayed at the President's FY18 budget proposal, troubled by the lack of commitment to public education

On behalf of the undersigned members of the Title IV, A Coalition, we offer the following response to President Trump's elimination of the Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) grant program, authorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act, in his FY18 budget:

Washington D.C., May 23, 2017 — *"We are profoundly dismayed by President Trump's Fiscal Year 2018 budget proposal to completely eliminate the SSAE grant program. Authorized less than 2 years ago, and soon to be implemented through the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act, SSAE is a flexible block grant that is designed to provide support for much needed health and safety programs, well-rounded education programs, and the effective use of education technology.*

"The President's decision to eliminate this program—before districts have received their FY17 SSAE allocations or had a chance to implement the program—is a clear sign that this Administration has no intention of supporting America's public schools and the 90% of students and educators who attend them. Moreover, this proposed defunding of SSAE stands in stark contrast to both the will of Congress and the President's publicly stated intentions to provide states and districts enhanced flexibility over education.

"We call on Congress to do the right thing for our students and educators and fund SSAE to its full authorized level of \$1.6 billion."

Members of the Title IV, A Coalition:

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Alliance for Excellent Education

American Association of School Librarians

American College of Sports Medicine

American Council for School Social Work

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)

American Dance Therapy Association

American Heart Association

American Library Association

American Music Therapy Association

American Occupational Therapy Association

American Psychological Association

American School Counselor Association

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Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools
Coalition for Community Schools
Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)
College in High School Alliance
Committee for Children
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Girl Scouts of the USA
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Health and Education Alliance of Louisiana (HEAL)
Healthy Schools Campaign
Healthy Schools Network
International Society for Technology in Education
Learning Disabilities Association of America
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National Association for College Admission Counseling
National Association for Music Education (NAfME)
National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)
National Association of School Nurses
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)
National Center for Learning Disabilities
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA)
National PTA
National Science Teachers Association
National Summer Learning Association
Safe Routes to School National Partnership
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Society of Women Engineers
State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA)

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